

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

BROOKLYN CITY COUNCIL

September 24, 2018

7:00 p.m.

Present: Meg Ryan Shockey
Andy Celcherts
Kathy Pucci
Mary Albier
Kevin Tanski
Barb Paulitzky
Ron Van Kirk

Absent: None

Pledge of Allegiance.

Opening Prayer was offered by Joanne Maroulis of Campus Life.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

-September 10, 2018 regular. **MOTION** by Pucci, second by Celcherts to approve as amended, with changes already made. **VOTE RESULTED:** *To approve as amended:* Yes: Celcherts, Pucci, Albier, Tanski, Paulitzky, Van Kirk, Ryan Shockey. No: None. **(APPROVED, as amended)**

Pres. Van Kirk said there will be a special Council mtg. Mon., Oct. 1st at 5:45 p.m. to discuss review of the Master Plan by the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission. –The next regular mtg. is Tuesday, Oct. 9th, as Monday is Columbus Day and offices will be closed. Reminded garbage and recycling pickup is one day later that week, and no special pickups on Friday. –The Fall Fest takes place this Saturday, the 29th from noon – 6 p.m.

PUBLIC SESSION:

Don Stopa of 4190 Ivywood Dr. said he's a 47 year resident and homeowner. Spoke about the proposed 6.9 mill school levy issue, the costs for stadium, roof, and what they will do with the money. He feels all the schools should get together and go after the State on their unconstitutional way of funding schools. It greatly affects him as a senior on a fixed income and would make him cut back on things (doctor visits, food, medicine); asked what the School Bd. could cut back on.

Victor Ardito of 7439 Outlook Ave. agreed everyone should get together and complain to the state, especially as they have a \$2B slush fund. Recycling is being talked about a lot, and wondered if we're keeping an eye on what people are dumping, he's seeing a lot of trash (plastic bags) in the recycling. We need to make sure people pay more attention to it.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS & BOARDS:

Recreation Board (Councilman Tanski): The Recreation Bd. will meet Monday, Oct. 15th in the Rec Center mtg. room at 7 p.m.

Finance Committee (Councilman Van Kirk): On the Agenda: recommended for adoption: Ord. 2018-66, Authorizes a contract with Cleveland for use of Ridge Rd. Transfer Station (new rate of \$43.38/ton); Ord. 2018-67, Declares real property improvements per ORC 5709.40 for the Tax Increment Equivalent Fund for the deposit of service payments on the new renovations at the old American Greetings property (as Dir. Udris detailed at the last mtg.); new business: Res. 2018-7 (requested to be passed by suspension), Authorizing Mayor to prepare/have prepared an application to participate in Ohio Public Works Comm. State Capital Improvement Program (which provides financial assistance for capital improvements to public

infrastructure). The city is planning applying for these qualifying improvements at: pavement reconstruction, repairs and resurfacing of Hurricane Alley, West Biddulph Rd. and Biddulph Rd. east of Ridge). The Mayor said it's a \$611,000 project, with Brooklyn asking for half of it as a loan at 0% for 18 years. Ord. 2018-76, renews our property and casualty insurance for the city beginning Sept. 25, 2018 at a not to exceed annual cost \$121,876.

School Board Liaison (Councilwoman Paulitzky): She attended the Sept. 18th mtg.: A 6.9 mill operating levy on Nov. ballot, if passed, will cost \$241.50 annually per \$100,000 home evaluation. Additional information will come from the school pertaining to this prior to voting day. –It costs \$72,000 to send one autism student to a special school, which is a state mandate. –Report card improved to a C (mentioned all the performance evaluation percentages and grades). –Dr. Gleichauf pointed out the Class of 2018 earned over \$300,000 in scholarships and 300 college credits before leaving Brooklyn School. The graduation rate is 97.5%. –Updated the high school roof repair costs \$350,000 with band wing completed, the 2nd floor in a couple weeks, then on to the cafeteria. –New lighting recouped \$50,000 on energy savings. –Security cameras have been added. –Polaris phase 1 is complete, and working on phase 2. –New Treasurer David Hoskin replaces retired John Streett. –The last football game on Oct. 26th will have fireworks. –The next Bd. mtg. is Oct. 16th at 6 p.m. in the media room. For any questions on issues there are opportunities to speak.

Planning Commission (Councilman Van Kirk): The Commission will meet Oct. 4th at 6:30 p.m. in the conference room to hear requests from: Cleveland Baptist Church for freestanding sign at 4431 Tiedeman; from B. Peters of Red Architecture for conditional use for drive-thru in light industrial district at 10325 Cascade Crossing.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL:

Andy Celcherts: The Brooklyn Historical Society Shunpike Shoppe had items for sale made by members, and their herb bread. Dr. Martin Luther Church sold lunch; and Friends of Library held a bag book sale (ongoing through Sept. 30th). This weekend is Fall Festival, kicking off in the morning with a 5K run/walk; gather behind City Hall at the park's large pavilion, registration starts at 8:30 a.m., the race at 9 a.m. School kids will be leaving painted rocks along the run/walk with #brooklynrocks44144 on the back. The Festival is from 12 noon – 6 .m. with hayrides, pumpkin painting, face painting, balloon creations, Polaris Career Center bakery, food trucks and vendors and more. –Asks Council to vote and approve Ord. 2018-73 for the purchase of the 2019 Labrie one-armed refuse vehicle for \$295,670. It is planned on for the 2019 budget; but being asked for now for the 9-12 months to get it ordered and put into service. –There is a levy kickoff mtg. and finance forum tomorrow night, Sept. 25th at 6 p.m. in the high school auditorium to learn of slashes to the budget, internal cuts made by the District, and the need for support of this in Nov.

Kathy Pucci: Attended the Shunpike Shoppe, and thanks all the dedicated volunteers and leader Barb Stepic. It wouldn't exist without the volunteers. Besides being caretakers of the Museum, they raise funds to pay for utilities, security, supplies, etc.; consider joining (nominal dues). For \$100 you can become a life member. –Safe Routes to School family fun walk/run is a fun, family event, with inspirational rocks to find. Encourages to bring the family out, there is no charge to participate. –Reiterated the School rating isn't where anyone would like to see the schools be (C), they've improved in most areas the last three years. The details would show the numbers are like a moving target (some improved, but the bar was raised, and couldn't go up a grade). Encourages everyone interested to watch the video when it's posted to the School's website (a detailed, in-depth explanation). –Financial School information mtg. tomorrow night (also on the levy). Echoed that whether supporting it or not, attend if you can to get the facts. –Thanked Mr. Stopa and Mr. Ardito for speaking. Mr. Stopa is correct that school funding in the state has been declared unconstitutional numerous times, and it's unfortunate. Brooklyn and other schools have lobbied to change how schools are funded, and how Brooklyn is penalized and considered a property rich district (and don't look at poverty rate, median income, etc.)

Mary Balbier: Said she was saddened to see the results of our school system in the paper and their scores. As a parent it was devastating to see those kind of reports, and she hopes in the future we can go back to the standards we had years ago. Her families are graduates of Brooklyn Schools, and they are/were great schools, and produced a lot of successful people. The reports saddened her and were unacceptable. –On

Oct. 13th will be a coats and clothes giveaway program in conjunction with Coats for Kids at the Brooklyn Acres (over 900 coats and other clothing items- don't have to be from Brooklyn) from 12 noon to 5 p.m.

Kevin Tanski: Thanked Cuyahoga County Executive Armand Budish, Dir. of Dept. of Sustainability Mike Foley, Mayor Katie Gallagher, CPP management, IGS Solar, Enerlogics, and residents present at the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Brooklyn Solar Landfill on Sept. 13th. It was well attended. Thanked Brooklyn Sustainability Comm. for their support. –There is great interest from Brooklyn students at Polaris Career Center and Brooklyn High School to visit the landfill and learn how the solar panels were engineered and constructed into the landfill; students entering this field are the way of the future. More areas of the state will be interested in being energy efficient using sustainable energy.

Barb Paulitzky: The Shunpike sale was a great success. Thanks to all volunteers for this weekend, and on a weekly basis through the year. If you have free time on a Tuesday from 10a-2p come and join (she's been doing it for 20 plus years). –Saturday at the Fall Fest is an opportunity to see and take a \$1 chance on the beautiful handmade quilt. –The Laurel Garden Club will have a display with information on many environmental issues and find out what they do. A few free seeds will be available. –Attended an open house at Brooklyn Pointe. If you can, attend the Oct. 18th grand opening from 4-6 p.m. It's beautiful.

Meg Ryan Shockey: (Domestic Abuse Comm.): Wed., Oct. 10 the Domestic Abuse Commission meets at 6 p.m. in the Fire Station Community Room. On Oct. 11th she will be talking to the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce about the Commission, with general information, Greater Cleveland resources, and how businesses can be supportive of their mission. Visit the Chamber website at brooklynohiochamber.org if you wish to attend (tickets include lunch, \$15/members, \$20/non-members) –Thanked Finance Dir. Raguz for meeting with her; she believes he'll be a great addition to the city. –At the Sept. Chamber lunch the speaker discussed the opioid crisis and how it has affected the Brooklyn community. –Thanked Dr. Gleichauf for meeting with her regarding the school levy on the ballot. She learned a lot (including that Brooklyn's commercial property raises the base to make Brooklyn seem wealthy) and has a better understanding for the need of the levy and had many takeaways. Dr. Gleichauf has worked to have legislation drafted to provide increased funding to Brooklyn and like municipalities, resulting in Rep. Sweeney proposing HB 369 and Dr. Gleichauf testifying for the Bill, though no further measures have been taken to pass it. The schools have cut over \$500,000 from FY 2018-19 by various measures. She spoke of other things the schools are doing. For more information or questions, attend an upcoming information session held by the schools.

Ron Van Kirk: Forgot to mention in Finance report Res. 2018-6 (3rd reading/adoption), rates and amounts as determined by the Budget Comm. and authorizing necessary tax levies and certifying them to County Fiscal Officer (housekeeping item with no changes); Ord. 2018-73, for the new one-armed garbage truck for \$295,670. –Thanked Mr. Stopa for speaking. He also sat with Dr. Gleichauf (also with Councilwoman Paulitzky) a couple weeks ago, where he shared information on what's going on in the school system. Bottom line is, as mentioned, Brooklyn falls through cracks with formula calculated for funding the schools; they've lost several million dollars in state funding. It's wrong and needs to be changed. Rep. Sweeney's legislation is stuck in Committee and not going anywhere. We (the schools and the community) should be knocking on doors of Legislature and Governor's office every day until it's corrected. Mr. Stopa summed it up for many seniors faced with deciding what to cut back on; it's difficult for a lot of people. There is a meeting tomorrow night to discuss the schools and proposed levy and he encouraged people to go. This is a decision each individual person needs to make for themselves and their household.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Gallagher: Councilman Celcherts summarized Fall Fest; she hopes to see everyone out there for this great, family-friendly event in our city. She's looking forward to it, and hopes the weather holds out. –Oct. 5th is a Coffee with the Mayor at the Senior Center at 9 a.m.; hear updates about the city, ask questions. –Next week City Council will be diving into new online Agenda format with BoardDocs. It's the same system used by the Schools, so this will be easy to pick up. This will help make the city more efficient, cut down the amount of paper we're printing on, and hope everyone finds it a useful move for the city. –As mentioned, last week was the final ribbon cutting for the solar farm. Brooklyn is a contender to be one of the nation's best solar projects. Vote online at www.solarbuildmag.com. It would be good to highlight for the city if named best solar farm project in the United States. –Last week she met with other Mayors and world

leaders from So. American countries as part of a collaborative partnership with the Council on World Affairs. They discussed transparency in government, voting, and other things. She has also learned that So. American countries, as soon as you turn 18 (some 16) you are automatically registered to vote, and don't have to take the step to register. In some countries voting results are not counted unless at least 50% of the electors participate. Also, you do not qualify for government assistance in some countries if you don't participate in voting. It's been an interesting participation with local Mayors and leaders throughout the world, discussing achieving those best practices, and learning from each other. It will go on throughout the rest of the year. –Prior to that, she participated with some Brooklyn students in a leadership class started this year. She forced them to do a lot of participation (that they didn't like at first, then got used to), and there were a lot of great questions, especially for her role as Mayor in the city. Specifically interesting to her was hearing their take on social media and how it plays with government. This is the only world they know (with social media). They advocated for certain services they'd like to see in the city (ex., indoor basketball courts) She urged them to collectively gather and push for those future plans in our city to go a certain way. They are becoming one of the largest single blocks of voters, and can make a big impact on our country's future. –Reminded our next Council mtg. gets moved to Tuesday, Oct. 9th due to the Columbus Day holiday. Trash will also be delayed one day that week.

DIRECTORS REPORTS:

Finance Dir. Raguz: As discussed at the Finance Comm. mtg., the city has started the budget process for 2019. There are meetings with directors on their capital budget the next couple weeks, and then general fund operating budget after. Two budget work sessions are set for: Oct. 29 (capital budget), and Nov. 19 (operating general fund budget).

LEGISLATION:

RES. 2018-6, Accepting the rates and amounts as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Fiscal Officer. **MOTION** by Pucci, second by Celcherts to introduce by all, suspend the rules. **VOTE RESULTED:** *To suspend the rules:* Yes: Celcherts, Pucci, Balbier, Tanski, Paulitzky, Van Kirk, Ryan Shockey. No: None. *To adopt:* Yes: Celcherts, Pucci, Balbier, Tanski, Paulitzky, Van Kirk, Ryan Shockey. No: None **(ADOPTED)**

ORD. 2018-53, To amend Section 967.12 of the Codified Ords. of the City of Brooklyn entitled "Forestry Programs. Orders." **MOTION** by Pucci, second by Van Kirk to adopt. **VOTE RESULTED:** *To adopt:* Yes: Celcherts, Pucci, Balbier, Tanski, Paulitzky, Van Kirk, Ryan Shockey. No: None. **(ADOPTED)**

ORD. 2018-66, Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with the City of Cleveland for use of the Ridge Rd. Transfer Station for disposal of solid waste. **MOTION** by Pucci, second by Tanski to adopt. **VOTE RESULTED:** *To adopt:* Yes: Celcherts, Pucci, Balbier, Tanski, Paulitzky, Van Kirk, Ryan Shockey. No: None. **(ADOPTED)**

ORD. 2018-67, Declaring the improvement of certain real property to be a public purpose pursuant to Revised Code Section 5709.40(b); declaring such improvement to be exempt from real property taxation; designating public infrastructures to be made that will directly benefit such property; requiring annual service payments in lieu of taxes; designating a municipal public improvement Tax Increment Equivalent Fund for the deposit of such service payments; and authorizing compensation payments to the Brooklyn City School District. **MOTION** by Pucci, second by Celcherts to adopt. **VOTE RESULTED:** *To adopt:* Yes: Celcherts, Pucci, Balbier, Tanski, Paulitzky, Van Kirk, Ryan Shockey. No: None. **(ADOPTED)**

ORD. #2018-73, Authorizing the purchase of one 2019 Labrie drop-frame body with helping hand automated arm mounted on a new Freightliner Model M2 cab and chassis from Best Equipment in the amount of \$295,670 as part of the National Joint Powers Alliance Cooperative. **MOTION** by Celcherts, second by Pucci to introduce by all, suspend the rules. **VOTE RESULTED:** *To suspend the rules:* Yes: Celcherts, Pucci, Balbier, Tanski, Paulitzky, Van Kirk, Ryan Shockey. No: None. *To adopt:* Yes: Celcherts, Pucci, Balbier, Tanski, Paulitzky, Van Kirk, Ryan Shockey. No: None **(ADOPTED)**

ORD. 2018-74, Amending Sect. 539.21 of the Codified Ords. of the City of Brooklyn to eliminate an outright prohibition of begging in parks and playgrounds. **(SECOND READING)**

ORD. 2018-75, Authorizing an Amended Job Retention and Creation Grant Agreement with Inogen, Inc. **(SECOND READING)**

RES. 2018-7, Authorizing the Mayor to prepare and have prepared and submit an application to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement Program and to execute contracts as required. **MOTION** by Celcherts, second by Van Kirk to introduce by all, suspend the rules. **VOTE RESULTED: To suspend the rules:** Yes: Celcherts, Pucci, Balbier, Tanski, Paulitzky, Van Kirk, Ryan Shockey. No: None. **To adopt:** Yes: Celcherts, Pucci, Balbier, Tanski, Paulitzky, Van Kirk, Ryan Shockey. No: None **(ADOPTED)**

ORD. 2018-76, Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Public Entities Pool of Ohio for the purpose of providing property and casualty insurance for the City of Brooklyn for the coverage period beginning Sept. 25, 2018 for a total annual cost not to exceed \$121,876. **MOTION** by Pucci, second by Celcherts to introduce by all, suspend the rules. **VOTE RESULTED: To suspend the rules:** Yes: Celcherts, Pucci, Balbier, Tanski, Paulitzky, Van Kirk, Ryan Shockey. No: None. **To adopt:** Yes: Celcherts, Pucci, Balbier, Tanski, Paulitzky, Van Kirk, Ryan Shockey. No: None **(ADOPTED)**

There being no further business, **MOTION** by Van Kirk, second by Tanski to adjourn. **VOTE RESULTED: To Adjourn:** Yes: Celcherts, Pucci, Balbier, Tanski, Paulitzky, Van Kirk, Ryan Shockey. No: None. **(ADJOURNED)**

Clerk of Council

President of Council

Minutes approved: 10.09.18